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APPLICANTS:

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Coupling Device

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary
Amendment.